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SUBJECT: NATO Conventional Forces Improvement Interagency
Group (U)

This memorandum tasks the NATO Conventional Forces and Arms
Control Interagency Group to develop, coordinate, and agree on
US Government positions on efforts to improve NATO conventional
defenses. (U)

Defense for International Security Policy (ASD/ISP) and the Director, Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs at the Department of State. (U)

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Other agencies or offices should be invited to IG meetings as required, when topics of interest to their particular agency are under discussion. (U)

The IG should, by 30 September 1984,

- Compile and evaluate the status of existing US-sponsored initiatives for improving NATO's conventional forces;
- 2) Develop a framework for work to integrate USG efforts to pursue these initiatives;
- 3) Evaluate any existing or proposed initiatives from other NATO sources (e.g., \$ACEUR, SYG Carrington);
- 4) Coordinate the integration of these initiatives into the broader policy context;
- 5) Coordinate and publish detailed terms of reference for the responsibilities included in this project. (C)

The IG should then pursue a work program designed to prepare for livan NSC meeting in November 1984 which will review the current state of efforts to improve NATO's conventional defense. It is anticipated that the NSC meeting will result in further tasking to select specific programs for emphasis and to develop the methods for integrating USG yiews into a coherent, hopefully NATO-sponsored program which will elicit a maximum response from other NATO members to accomplish substantial results from this limitative. (C)

The IG should, as a part of its work program, determine the most likely avenues of success for priority emphasis and an approximation of when selected programs could be expected to produce substantive results. (U)

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